

# SMITH TO CONSIDER HOUSING PROBLEMS

Governor Will Meet Delegation From This City Tomorrow Morning.

## RELIEF PLAN IS SOUGHT

Legislature May Adjourn on Tuesday After Action on Suffrage.

ALBANY, June 14.—Housing problems will be considered at a conference at the Executive Chamber Monday forenoon, when Gov. Smith will meet Frank Mann, Tennessee House Commissioner of New York; Senator Charles C. Lockwood of Brooklyn; Senator Minority Leader James A. Foley of New York; Assembly Minority Leader Charles Donohue of New York; Nathan Hirsch and Chairman Abraham I. Elkus of the Reconstruction Commission.

The Governor said to-day that if the conferees should present any practical, workable plan for relieving housing conditions he would consider making recommendations for legislation at the extraordinary session which convenes Monday night to take action on the ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment.

Regarding the request of Amy Wrenn, counsel for the women workers on the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system, that the Executive recommend the repeal of the Lockwood law regulating the hours and working conditions of women employed in transportation, the Governor said he had referred the matter to the State Industrial Commission. He declared emphatically that he would take no steps tending to weaken the statutes prohibiting night work for women.

## HIRSCH TOLD OF RENT LEGISLATION

Governor Points Way to Obtaining Action.

Nathan Hirsch, chairman of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, received yesterday from George E. Van Name, Gov. Smith's secretary, a reply to the letter Mr. Hirsch sent to the Governor June 12 asking the latter to direct the Legislature to take up the housing problem at its forthcoming special session. The reply follows: "The Governor in his message calling the Legislature in extraordinary session stated it was for the purpose of acting upon the Federal woman's suffrage amendment. The Legislature at this session takes up no other subjects unless they are called to its attention by a special message sent in by the Governor after the session opens. It would not be proper for the Governor to issue a supplementary proclamation in advance of the session asking the Legislature to consider other subjects.

"The Governor well understands the seriousness of the housing situation and directs me to request you to send to him, as soon as possible, your suggestions for remedial legislation to relieve the conditions existing. The Governor will then be in a position to consider your definite suggestions and, if deemed advisable, submit to the Legislature by special message."

## 1,043 RENT FIGHTS ADJUSTED IN WEEK

Thirty Landlords Accept Advice of Mayor's Committee.

Difficulties between thirty landlords and 1,042 tenants were adjusted and disposed of last week by the law committee of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering, according to a summary issued last night by Judge Robert L. Luce, chairman.

Aaron Bacharach, owner of the house at 291 West 147th street, agreed to reduce the rent of Mrs. M. A. Moore, a widow, whose only son is in the army in France. The landlord had raised her rent in the past eight months. Mrs. Moore said she had not been receiving her monthly allotment check regularly. The prompt Realty Company, owners of 639-43-47 East 138th street, the Bronx, of which M. Zimmer is president, had its troubles with seventy tenants adjusted.

The tenants went on a strike when the rent was increased \$6 a month. Thirty-one dispossession warrants were procured, and half a dozen evictions followed. The committee found the landlord reasonable in solving the troubles, so reasonable that he is going to pay the moving expenses of the tenants he moved out, provided they are willing to move back to his building.

## B. R. T. SEEKS TO BUY CARS.

Note Issue Asked to Pay for New Equipment.

Application has been made to Public Service Commissioner Nixon by the four surface line corporations in the Brooklyn Rapid Transit system for permission to issue such portion of \$1,120,000, in lease warrants or notes, as may be necessary to pay for 200 of the 300 new cars that the commission has directed the companies to purchase.

The company has got permission to buy 200 so-called safety cars to meet part of the 300 requirement. They are small cars, which can be operated by one man and are to be used in the outlying districts. They will cost \$5,000 each.

Thanks "Sun" for Poster Contest.

The Sun has received from Capt. C. O. Marsh, in charge of the historical section, Naval Intelligence Office, at Washington, a letter of thanks for the service performed by this newspaper in inspiring patriotic posters for the use of the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation, posters that were used with excellent results. Capt. Marsh observed also that the historical section of the navy is very anxious to obtain all posters that have been issued during the war, either by the Government or by any association such as the Red Cross, Liberty Loan committee and War Service agencies. Originals are most desired, but good prints will be received gratefully.

## O'BRIEN HAS CLUE TO IDENTITY

Wife's Name Mary He Tells War Risk Bureau.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN. WASHINGTON, June 14.—"What's in a name?"—a great deal of confusion, if the War Risk Insurance Bureau is asked. One John J. O'Brien, writing to the bureau about his policy, said he could be identified in the absence of serial and certificate numbers, because his wife is the beneficiary appearing in the policy and her name is Mary A. O'Brien.

The search in the files which followed turned up John J. O'Brien to the number of 175, and Mary must be a grand old name to great many of them, because fifty of the wives of the many Johns rejoice in that appellation.

## PREDICTS CABINET HEALTH POST SOON

President Lyman of Tuberculosis Association Expects Action by U. S.

ATLANTIC CITY, June 14.—One of the greatest victories of the war was the triumph of modern medicine in the control of acute infectious diseases, but even greater benefit will result from the fact that the war also opened the eyes of the Government, as well as the people, to the great inroad that chronic diseases are making in our national economy. Dr. Lyman said at the annual meeting of the National Tuberculosis Association which convened here to-day. Dr. Lyman is president of the association.

As a result of the ravages of the "White Plague" among America's manhood, startlingly revealed by the draft board records, Dr. Lyman predicted the immediate creation of a division of tuberculosis in the United States Public Health Service. This, he said, undoubtedly would be followed by the establishment at Washington of a department of health having equal rank with the other great activities of the Government, instead of the nation's health being considered of minor importance and cared for, as it is at present, as a side issue of the Treasury Department.

With the records showing that nearly 100,000 men were rejected for the National Army because suffering from suspected tuberculosis Dr. Lyman urged greater cooperation between public and private health authorities if preventable diseases in not to hamper the country's development during the reconstruction years.

Government officials, as well as health authorities from every State in the Union are here to discuss plans for a new nationwide campaign against preventable disease. Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, managing director of the national association, pointed out that although tuberculosis causes 150,000 deaths annually in this country the burden of the fight against the disease was being borne by voluntary associations. Even their work, he said, is greatly handicapped by inadequate laws.

That the spread of tuberculosis in this country is due largely to patients who travel from one place to another seeking magical climate that will cure them and who have not sufficient means to properly care for themselves was stated by James H. Pershing, who read a report on "Indigent Migratory Consumptives."

## To Award Safety Certificates.

The Safety Institute of America will give a dinner at the Hotel Marlborough Tuesday evening at which certificates will be awarded to inspectors of various industrial State commissions who attended a course of safety lectures during the winter conducted by the Institute. Addresses will be made by James M. Lynch, New York State Industrial Commissioner; Commissioner Lewis T. Bryant of the New Jersey Department of Labor; John Roach, chief of the bureau of hygiene and sanitation of the New Jersey Department of Labor; and James L. Gernon, First Deputy Commissioner, New York State Industrial Commission. R. M. Little, director of the Safety Institute, will preside.

## TELLS OF THRILLS AT HER DECORATION

Mrs. Roy W. Porter, Red Cross Worker, Honored by Three Branches.

## IS MARINES' "DAUGHTER"

Similarly Honored by Signal Corps and Navy for Work in London.

When Mrs. Clara Clark Porter, wife of Roy W. Porter, 150 East Thirty-fifth street, reached New York on the Lapland, the jacket of her Red Cross uniform was resplendent with three decorations that had been bestowed upon her recently by three branches of the United States service overseas.

Mrs. Porter brought details of the story that had already reached American ears, of how eight Red Cross canteen workers, at London, were "adopted" and decorated by the Marine Corps in acknowledgment of the excellent services given to American marines at the Red Cross canteen in Grosvenor Square.

"Air raids were as nothing," said Mrs. Porter to-day, "compared with our excitement when we got decorated." She before had the faintest idea of what was in the wind. We were told to go up to Navy Headquarters, so up we went, having been induced to believe that some official pictures were to be taken.

## Four Marines at Attention.

We stood about the entrance hall rather vaguely for a while, wondering what was to be done with us and then a sentry came along and said perhaps we'd better go into Major Gilchrist's office. We nearly swooned with the thrill of it—it if you never burst in unexpectedly on a concourse of the military, all standing at attention on your account, you've no idea of the sensation. It isn't like anything else in your experience. We knew at once that something was about to happen.

Before we had time to think it over Major Gilchrist was making a little speech and telling us what our canteen had meant to the men and how, in appreciation of the homelike touch we had given their lives, they wanted us to wear their insignia, and they were making us "life associate members" of their organization. Then the Major came forward and pinned this on each of us.

Mrs. Porter held up the coveted insignia which only eight women in the world have official authority to wear, as "Daughters of the Marine Corps." It is the device of the marines—globe, anchor and eagle—beautifully wrought in gold and silver.

In addition Mrs. Porter has been similarly decorated by the Signal Corps for her splendid canteen work and service to the men of that body. Capt. James J. McCauley, in a letter accompanying the Signal Corps insignia, when it was sent to the New York woman, said that the men were "eager to express the gratitude and appreciation they felt for the sacrifices the canteen workers had so unselfishly made."

Not to be outdone by others, the naval men stationed at London, who had been among those frequenting the canteen in Grosvenor Square and whose lives had been brightened by the cheer which the American girls handed out along with doughnuts and coffee, decided to bestow their insignia too on their American sisters, and so Mrs. Porter and three of her associates finally received a third decoration. This is the shield, eagle and crossed anchors of the navy; the anchors and eagle in gold, the shield in silver.

## Had Midnight Feasts.

The "gals" and marines who came to the Grosvenor Square canteen were many of them, on duty at Naval Headquarters close to the canteen and a special midnight service was maintained

for them. These boys worked in "shifts," the last "shift" changing at 12 o'clock. So the canteen workers were on duty every night to give coffee and chocolate, "cats" and cigarettes to the men going on duty and those coming off. Just as they supplied the men who did day work, this seems to have been the sort of thing that won the boys' everlasting gratitude and in the letter which Lieut.-Commander Hugh P. Le Clair wrote Mrs. Porter in conferring the navy decoration, he said: "To you and to your associates we are indebted for all our early morning feasts. They were an act of unselfish thoughtfulness we shall not soon forget. The device enclosed may serve to remind you that we are not merely friends but 'brothers.' As the sailors say, we hope we will be shipmates again."

Mrs. R. R. Boardman, another of the Grosvenor Square canteen workers, who also received the decorations of the Signal Corps and the Marines, reached New York on the same transport with Mrs. Porter. Mrs. Boardman's home is in Phoenix, Ariz., while her husband is a clerk for disorder, calling attention to the fact that many discharged service men, particularly those with unsavory records, were utilizing it for improper purposes.

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The abuse of the uniform by swindlers of all kinds is something that will go on for years unless it is vigorously dealt with," Police Commissioner Enright said in supplementing the remarks of Commandant Rittenhouse. "Should it become generally known among soldiers and sailors of weak moral character that an easy living can be earned by the use of the uniform, with little chance of commensurate punishment, the city ultimately will be thronged with criminals of this class."

## WARNS UNIFORM IS USED TO AID CRIME

Chief Magistrate Urges Severity for Offenders.

Acting upon the suggestion of Naval Intelligence Officer H. O. Rittenhouse, Chief Magistrate William McAdoo wrote yesterday to all the other City Magistrates urging severity for offenders wearing the uniform of the army or navy. The intelligence officer's views were transmitted through the office of the Mayor and the Police Commissioner in the form of a letter. He urged that every effort be made to prevent the use of the uniform as a cloak for disorder, calling attention to the fact that many discharged service men, particularly those with unsavory records, were utilizing it for improper purposes.

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## Police Department Orders

PENSIONS.

On their own application. To take effect 12 midnight, June 15: Henry Wickham, No. 246, 50th Prec., at \$175 per annum. Appointed August 15, 1912.

To take effect 12 midnight, June 15: Archibald McCauley, alias No. 404, 97th Prec., at \$175 per annum. Appointed February 15, 1912.

PATROLMEN. John J. Gallagher, No. 3593, 52d Prec., at \$125 per annum. Appointed March 5, 1914.

Joseph P. Flanagan, No. 4564, 51st Prec., at \$125 per annum. Appointed January 12, 1914.

TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS. PATROLMEN. To take effect 8 A. M., June 15: Albert E. Goss, 8th Prec., to 19th Prec. From precincts indicated to 12th Prec. Arthur L. Shevlin, 12th Prec., to Washington I. Hegeman, 12th Prec.

TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT. SERGEANT. Oscar C. Reimer, 116th Prec., to 16th Insp. Dist., assigned to clerical duty for 15 days from 8 A. M., June 15. The following leaves of absence are authorized: (With full pay.) Alfred W. Thor, Headquarters Div., for duty.

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